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HUGHES ASSERTS ROOSEVELT WILL BE NOMINATED

Justice Says: "It Is Unnecessary to Discuss Any One Else."

QUOTED BY A SUPPORTER

Statement Made When Asked to Authorize Campaign in His Behalf.

FIRST WORDS ON "CANDIDACY"

Friends Declare Noted Republican Is Perfectly Sincere and Content to Remain on Bench.

The first statement by Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the United States Supreme Court, on the Republican nomination for President, was obtained yesterday. He was quoted by a leader in the Republican party favorable to the pre-convention campaign for his nomination.

Justice Hughes said:

"In my opinion, Roosevelt is going to be nominated, so it makes it unnecessary to discuss any one else at all."

Great pressure had been brought to bear upon Justice Hughes to authorize a campaign in his behalf. That was his reply.

Will Not Seek Nomination.

Justice Hughes' statement was interpreted by his supporters to mean that he has made up his mind he will not connive at getting the nomination, so that if he should be named he may be able to say that while on the supreme bench he never by word or deed sought the honor.

His friends declare he will not be disappointed if he is not nominated, that he is perfectly sincere and content to remain on the bench. His closest friends, those most anxious to know his real attitude toward the nomination, assert that they are wholly without guidance or suggestion from him.

They believe, however, that Justice Hughes will be controlled by the presence or lack of unanimity of spirit at the Chicago convention. They believe he would refuse the nomination if it should come to him after a bitter fight.

Hitchcock in Town.

Frank Hitchcock, former Postmaster General, has been in Washington for three days in the interest of the movement for Hughes. He saw the justice, but was unable to induce him to consent to the use of his name. Mr. Hitchcock left for Chicago last night to open a Hughes headquarters there. He spent yesterday morning with Senator Borah, of Idaho, who will be prominent at the Republican convention. Senator Borah is known not to have committed himself for either Roosevelt or Hughes, but would support either. He believes Roosevelt and Hughes are the only men in the race and that the convention will name one or the other.

\$15,000 in Laces Stolen In Glare of Arc Light

One of the biggest robberies in Washington's history occurred Saturday night, when nearly \$15,000 worth of laces were stolen from the auction rooms of the National Art Galleries, 1409 H street northwest.

The laces arrived here Saturday morning, consigned to Drury and Garber, from Bottros Brothers, of Atlantic City. They were left in a locked trunk and the galleries were locked at 6:45 Saturday night. About 8 o'clock yesterday morning the front door of the store was found open. The laces were gone.

The laces taken include many rare point de Venise banquet cloths, napkins and centerpieces.

One filet center cloth, with a dozen napkins to match, was valued at \$1,600.

Four banquet cloths were listed at over \$1,200. The other pieces ranged in price down as low as \$25.

The thieves worked boldly. A lock on the front door of the auction rooms under the glare of a big street arc light was pried off.

John Bottros, who accompanied the consignment to Washington, discovered the theft. His trip, he said, was a mere precaution, as it was not suspected there was danger of losing the precious fabrics.

About a hundred pieces of fine hand work are missing. The exact value of the laces is given as \$14,835.65. The laces were insured against fire, but not against robbery.

The laces were so fine that they could have been stuffed into two small handbags, it was said.

Central office detectives say the robbery was well planned and was perpetrated by experts with rare knowledge of lace values.

Air Raid on Port Said.

London, May 20.—An attack on Port Said, the northernmost point on the Suez Canal, by two Turkish aeroplanes, resulting in two deaths, is announced in a statement received by the war office tonight from the British headquarters at Cairo.

Belgian Aviator Shot Down.

Havre, May 21.—The Belgian official report tonight states that a Belgian aviator brought down a German aeroplane. The machine fell into the sea.

Austrian's Object Given.

Genoa, May 21.—The Corriere Mercantile reproduces a manifesto found on a number of Austrian prisoners which reads: "We are preparing a mighty offensive against the Province of Venetia in order to separate it from Lombardy. When this objective is achieved we will return Venetia to Italy, provided she signs a peace treaty and induces her allies to sign."

Record Smashing Plane Will Guard U. S. Border

(By The Sun News Service.)

New York, May 21.—The aeroplane that broke all records by flying from Newport News to the Sheephead Bay speedway on Saturday in four hours and one minute, has been bought by the Aero Club and will be armed with a two-pound gun and presented to the New Mexico National Guard to patrol the border air lanes as protection against Mexican bandit raids.

An expert aviator will be sent to the border with the machine.

Victor Carletrom and Seven-son Magordon, who drove the machine in Saturday's flight, have offered to fly it to the border in much less time than shipping would take, but lack of gasoline stations along the route probably will prevent.

SUICIDE DIVE IS 150 FEET

Ernest Edmunds, Telegrapher, Jumps from Twelfth Floor of Munsey Building.

"I FEEL LIKE JUMPING OFF ROOF" ARE HIS LAST WORDS

Motive for Act Not Learned—Illness of Wife May Have Worried Him.

"I feel like jumping off the top of this building."

These were the words of Ernest L. Edmunds, 32, a telegrapher, to a group of friends in the lobby of the New Munsey Building yesterday. Edmunds did not laugh when he started for a stairway. His friends did.

It was some minutes before 3 o'clock when Edmunds started on his ascent. When Edmunds reached the twelfth floor—the top—he went to a room in the rear overlooking an alley. He opened a window and dived through.

His body fell two stories and struck a ledge around the tenth floor. Later his hat and 75 cents were found there.

Tumbling again into space, the body struck a telegraph wire, twirled and was flung outward. The body struck a building on the other side of the alley and then fell to the cobblestone pavement below.

The body fell about 150 feet.

Emergency Hospital physicians, who arrived in an ambulance, pronounced life extinct.

Edmunds lived at 297 First street northwest with his wife. He came here last week from Richmond to accept a job with the Postal Telegraph Company. His friends were unable to ascribe a reason for the suicide.

Edmunds' wife had been ill and he had brought her to Washington to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bell. Policeman Adams of the First Precinct, climbed out on the tenth story ledge and recovered Edmunds' hat and 75 cents. Adams said Edmunds probably was killed when he struck the ledge.

WAITE JOYOUS AS TRIAL FOR MURDER NEARS

Confessed Poisoner, to Face Court Today, Anxious to Go to His Doom Quickly.

HAMPERS OWN DEFENSE

Opposes Efforts of Attorney at Every Turn and Exaggerates Own Guilt.

AMAZES CRIMINOLOGY EXPERTS

Mrs. Margaret Weaver Horton, Dentist's "Soulmate" and Art Affinity, to Be Witness for State.

(By the Sun News Service.)

New York, May 21.—The attitude of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite amazes experts in criminology. The dentist, who will be called to trial tomorrow morning for the murder by poison of his father-in-law, John F. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., seems overjoyed with the ordeal awaiting him. Today he was in as good spirits as if he had come into money or was to take a wife.

Instead of co-operating with his lawyer, Walter R. Deuel, Waite has hampered and opposed him at every turn. Taking the latitude allowable to counsel, Deuel has painted Waite's case as white as possible, denying and palliating and excusing. Waite has blackened it heavily, confessing, even exaggerating. Deuel pleads that Waite is crazy. Waite declares that he is sane now, and was sane when he poisoned his mother-in-law and his father-in-law. Deuel says Waite doesn't know what he is talking about. Waite asserts that he knows better than any man—that his main idea is to get out of the world as quickly and thoroughly as possible so as to win complete explanation.

Case Without Parallel.

The case has no parallel in the recollection of court attaches, or in the records of the district attorney's office. No one can recall that a man or woman charged with murder has so deliberately tried to wreck a defensive case. In the opinion of District Attorney Swann, Waite's attitude is interesting psychologically, but not important as bearing upon the disposition of the case. Fortified by more than 100 witnesses, or depositions, evidence gathered in Grand Rapids and in this city, and by the determinations of attorneys that Waite is entirely sane, the district attorney will ask that the full penalty be meted out.

He will present a case which in his opinion has no weak link and is utterly conclusive of guilt. In opposition, apparently to Waite's own wishes, the defense will be "compulsive" insanity—the mental twist which compels one to commit crime while maintaining an appearance of sanity before the world.

Little Delay Expected.

The trial will commence at 10 a. m. tomorrow in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court, with Justice Clarence J. Sherman on the bench. Assistant District Attorney Brothers will present the State's case, assisted by Assistant District Attorney Dooling. Walter R. Deuel will defend the dentist. It is expected that a jury will be quickly obtained, that the box will be filled by Tuesday evening. Thereupon Mr. Brothers will outline the case the State expects to prove.

Waite's father and mother and two brothers have been doing what was possible in his interests, and will be in court to give him their support. Mrs. Margaret Weaver Horton, Waite's "soulmate" and "art affinity," will be a witness for the State. Other witnesses will be Miss Ellen Peck, Dr. Jacob Cornell, and the druggist from whom Waite obtained arsenic.

Further gains by the Austrian forces in this region are announced today. The Austrians are advancing toward Monte Pasubio and have occupied Angheloni.

Other gains announced by the Austrians today are the captures of the Cima del Laghi, the Cima di Mesole and the Borzola Pass, from which the Italians were driven toward the south. Vienna announces that 3,000 Italian prisoners were taken yesterday.

Mrs. Vernon Castle Back.

New York, May 21.—Mrs. Vernon Castle returned today by the American liner St. Louis from a visit to her husband, who recently joined the British aviation corps. She said she left him in excellent health and ambitious to go to the front.

Skeleton a Key to Crime.

York, Pa., May 21.—Investigation of the finding of the skeleton of a man in excavations for an addition at the rear of the Hotel Brooks, South George street, today convinced the authorities that they had uncovered a crime of a past generation.

Married at Bier.

Marion, Ohio, May 21.—Conforming to the dying wishes of the bride's mother, Miss Katherine E. Titus, aged 28, and William Baumer, 49 years old, were married at the bier of Mrs. Samuel Titus, mother of the bride.

Furious Battle Rages in Italy

Defenders Launch Counter-Attacks, but Austrians Report More Gains.

John D. "Touched" While in Church

Aged Oil Magnate Gets Kiss as Compensation and Is Happy.

(By the Sun News Service.)

Tarrytown, N. Y., May 21.—John D. Rockefeller was "touched" today and right in church, too.

He attended service at the Lyceum, Pocomtunk Hills, and so did his son and grandchildren. After service young Winthrop, the second youngest, beckoned to his grandfather and said he had a little matter to adjust with him. When his grandfather reached his side and bent over to get the secret message, Winthrop said: "Grandpop, I've got a big kiss for you."

Mr. Rockefeller was wise. He smiled, put his hand in his vest pocket where he keeps his loose change, and digging out a new nickel handed it to his grandson, who already had his hand out. When the little fellow's fingers clasped the coin he put his arms around his grandfather's neck and gave him a smack as the rest of the congregation looked on.

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American Flier Promoted For His Deeds in France

(By International News Service.)

Paris, May 21.—Corporal Kiffin Rockwell, an American aviator in the War Flying Corps, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant as a reward for shooting down a German aero.

It is reported that Second Lieut. Thaw, an American, of Pittsburgh, had a fierce duel in the air, compelling a German adversary to descend behind the German lines.

WOULD SWING G. O. P. TO T. R.

Movement Believed Effort to Stampede Convention Is Formally Launched.

GROUP OF TAFT MEN FORM COMMITTEE TO DO WORK

George Von L. Meyer Heads New Body. Will Call Upon Colonel at Oyster Bay Today.

(By the Sun News Service.)

New York, May 21.—A movement that has the earmarks of an effort to stampede the Republican national convention for Col. Theodore Roosevelt is underway. A group of Republicans, largely Taft men in 1912, representing sentiment in at least thirty States, have organized a "Roosevelt Republican committee," with headquarters for the present at the Biltmore Hotel, and with George von L. Meyer, Secretary of the Navy under Presidents Taft and Roosevelt, at its head.

The committee made known its existence today. Tomorrow a dozen or more of its members will call upon the Colonel at Oyster Bay "to ask him what he has to say."

The committee has been gathered together with lightning-like rapidity in the last four days. The Republicans who form its membership realize that they are perhaps a trifle late in getting started, but so encouraged are they by sheaves of telegrams that have poured into the committee's suite that they expect to have enough delegates rounded up for the Colonel at Chicago to drive things his way.

Robert C. Morris, vice president of the Union League Club, and former Republican county chairman, who spoke for the committee today in the temporary absence of Mr. Meyer, emphasized the fact that the movement is strictly one within the Republican party.

In many quarters it is regarded as the trump card of the Roosevelt Republicans prior to the meeting of the delegates at Chicago two weeks from Wednesday.

The members of the committee, which is a national body and country-wide in its personnel, have pledged themselves to crystallize the Roosevelt sentiment throughout the land, and force its weight upon the Chicago gathering.

Sleepless Fish Cause Complaint

Golden-Hued Members of the Finny Tribe Disturbed by Hotel Lights and Band.

(By Lewis Wood.)

Atlantic City, N. J., May 21.—Complaint has been made to the local S. P. C. A., concerning twenty unfortunate goldfish belonging to a hotel here. The fish get but two hours sleep daily.

The live in a circular pool in a sun garden which forms the roof of the submarine grill. The pool has a glass bottom through which the fish can be seen going from the grill underneath.

From sunrise at 4 a. m. until dusk the fish are in the full glare of the sunlight. From dusk until the grill closes at 2 a. m. two powerful searchlights are trained on the fish from above. Other lights flash on the fish from the grill. People at the tables or fox trotting below, can look up and see the fish nervously swimming about seeking shadow and quiet in order to escape the glare and the noise of the crashing band.

Boy Scouts Given Medals.

Rome, May 21.—Medals have been awarded two Boy Scouts of Verona by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for acts of heroism during an Austrian air raid on that city in November last, it is officially stated today.

Orpet Held to Be Guiltless By Many Waukegan Women

(By the Sun News Service.)

Chicago, May 21.—Women in Waukegan believe Will Orpet guiltless of murdering Marian Lambert.

While venturers were being excused by the hundreds last week in the trial of Orpet for murder here, because they had fixed opinions, many of them that the boy is guilty, Miss Aigene Woodman took a poll of 100 Waukegan women on the question. Ninety-one believed Orpet is innocent and that Miss Lambert committed suicide.

Two links which the State's lawyers regard strongest in the chain of circumstantial evidence by which they hope to bind upon Orpet the murder of Miss Lambert, are looked upon as weakest by the attorneys for the defense.

James H. Wilkerson, counsel for the defense, gave his explanation of the "alibi letter" and Orpet's flight for the first time today. He said Orpet wrote the letter to save himself from the possible shame of scandal. He attributed Orpet's flight to boyish panic.

"Orpet," explained Mr. Wilkerson, "wrote the alibi letter not to shield himself from a crime, but from the possible aftermath of an indiscretion. He believed Miss Lambert in a delicate condition. She had written him she might kill herself. Whether he believed this or not, he felt that he and she stood upon the verge of scandal. He did not know at what time the disgrace might break. But he planned for any emergency. He wished to keep from his parents the secret of his unfortunate affair. He hoped to avoid any shame at the university."

"The alibi letter may have been untrue. In the light of events it was. But it was a boy's scheme to save his good name."

Mexican Raids Across Border Force Crisis

Situation Considered More Grave Than at Any Time for Months.

MANY FACTORS CITED

Heavy Artillery Carried by Trevino's Army Increases Disquietude Here.

ACTION OF MILITIA ALARMING

Three Whole Companies and Band in New Mexico Request They Be Declared Immune from Service.

(By the International News Service.)

Marathon, Tex., May 21.—Two troops of the Fourteenth Cavalry have turned back into Mexico and are making a forced march southward today from a point a mile below the river.

They are going to Cerro Blanco to re-enforce Maj. Langhorn's ninety troopers who are reported threatened by several hundred Yaqui Indians.

Capt. Evans, who arrived here tonight, stated that Mexicans had torn down part of the army telegraph line near Decker's Ford.

The Mexican situation was considered more serious last night in official circles than at any time since the conferences between Gen. Scott and Gen. Obregon were held.

New bandit raids in the Big Bend country of Texas and reports that Trevino's army of Carrandistas entering Northern Mexico is heavily equipped with field artillery proved unusually disquieting.

It also was denied that forecasts of the contents of Carranza's note indicated that its tone would be friendly. On the contrary, there appeared to be a well-grounded belief that the note would be more in the form of an ultimatum than any of the previous communications.

Guards Would Evade Service.

These developments were considered particularly disquieting in the face of reports that three companies and the band of the New Mexico National Guard regiment of infantry have appealed to Gen. Funston to have the regulations set aside under which they have been called out for service with the regular army in defending the American border.

The excuse offered by the Guardsmen is that only 25 per cent of their number can speak English. Fourteen men out of one company of the Texas National Guard, 116 members of which have flatly refused to respond to the call, have put up the plea that their families are destitute and cannot spare them.

More or less disgusted by the attitude of the militiamen, officials of the War Department are declared to be determined to institute court-martial proceedings in a number of cases, for the effect they may have, if for no other reason.

New Raids Disquieting.

The reports of the new border raids in the Big Bend district proved the most disquieting news of the day. The War Department expected the Sixth Cavalry to reach the Big Bend country yesterday afternoon. It is expected the entire force will be sent at once to the district between Marfa and Presidio, where the latest raids were reported.

The War Department has made no announcement with reference to Gen. Funston's new request that the defenses of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts be stripped to provide coast artillerymen to increase the Mexican border patrol. Gen. Funston desires the artillerymen for use as infantry, because they could be made immediately available, as experience with the Texas National Guard organizations has shown the delays attending militia mobilization.

Wounded Arrive in Rome.

Rome, May 21.—The first train of wounded reached Rome this morning. Among the unfortunates was Lieut. Morone, son of the minister of war.

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